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1. Barracks installations in Magdeburg were occupied on 11 March 1953 as follows: the Flak Kaserne by 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 11 x 76-mm AA guns; the Seeckt Kaserne by 1,600 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets; the Nachrichten Kaserne by 1,500 troops with red-bordered black epaulets; the Herrenkrug Kaserne by 2,400 troops with red-bordered black epaulets; the Anger Kaserne by 1,500 troops with red-bordered black epaulets; and the Zuckerbusch Kaserne by 100 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.
2. Troops engaged in combat training on the Kleine Anger and Grosse Anger included 200 men with red-bordered black epaulets on 4 March, 300 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets on 10 March, and 580 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets on 11 March.
3. On 7 March, the Anger Kaserne and Herrenkrug Kaserne were again occupied to capacity. Two T-34/85 tanks were seen in the billeting area.
4. On 10 March, the Nachrichten Kaserne and Seeckt and Flak Kaserne were again occupied to capacity. Troops engaged in intensive training activity on Auf dem Anger with 57-mm AT guns.
5. On 5 March, 3 sedans occupied by 6 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets each, 9 motorcycles and 3 trucks including one towing a field kitchen drove from the direction of the town toward Herrenkrug via Herrenkrug Bridge.

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_____ the column to have been the headquarters unit that returned from a practice.

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1. Comment. The units which left the Seeckt Kaserne, Nachrichten Kaserne and Herrenkrug-Anger Kaserne at the end of February and in early March for short-term practices are believed to have returned by 10 March. The occupation strength of the Flak Kaserne, which is believed to have been underestimated, does not indicate whether the units of the 3d Gds AAA Div which had been entrained at the same time, were back by 11 March. The column mentioned in paragraph 5 probably belongs to the 19th Gds Mecz Div which returned to the Herrenkrug-Anger Kaserne from field exercises. They were possibly elements of the division headquarters.

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